

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
WEST END COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
  
TC01-027**

On March 21, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from West End Communications Inc. (West End).

West End proposes to offer 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services, travel card service, and prepaid calling service. A proposed tariff was filed by West End. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 22, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 6, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its June 19, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered West End's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that West End not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that West End has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. West End has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves West End's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that West End not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that West End's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that West End not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that West End shall file informational copies of tariff

changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of June, 2001.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner